

Pet Owner Guide to Vaccinations for Dogs



DAPP (aka Canine "Distemper" vaccine):

This vaccine, often referred to as the "Distemper" vaccine, actually refers to a vaccine that offers protection against **FOUR** serious diseases:

Distemper: An often fatal virus that attacks the respiratory, gastrointestinal and the nervous system of dogs. Most commonly spread through the air when infected dogs or wildlife cough/sneeze, infected animals can shed the virus for months after exposure.

Adenovirus Type 2: Also known as Infectious Canine Hepatitis, causing respiratory disease in dogs.

Parainfluenza: Highly contagious respiratory virus.

Parvovirus ("Parvo"): Highly contagious and serious disease that affects dogs' gastrointestinal system. Most fatalities from parvovirus occur within 48 to 72 hours following the onset of clinical signs. A highly resilient virus, it can contaminate almost any surface. It is resistant to heat, cold, humidity, and even a trace amount of feces from an infected dog may harbor the virus. Clinical signs include lethargy, vomiting, severe diarrhea, and loss of appetite.

Rabies

Rabies is an often fatal virus that affects the brain and central nervous system of both people and animals. Rabies is a serious threat found in 49 states, and vaccination is state law. Your dog will receive their first rabies vaccination at 4 months of age. It will need to be boosted again when the pet is around a year old, then every 1 to 3 years.



Lepto

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease (meaning it can be spread from animals to people) caused by a bacteria found worldwide in soil and water.

Lyme

Transmitted through the bite of infected blacklegged ticks (aka deer tick), Lyme disease can cause serious reoccurring health problems. Lyme disease vaccinations need to be boosted annually.

Canine Flu (aka Canine Influenza, CIV)

Canine Flu is a highly contagious respiratory disease with symptoms ranging from mild to severe and include coughing, sneezing, nasal/eye discharge, fever, and lethargy. Vaccinations are recommended for "social" dogs and puppies; those who frequent training classes, boarding facilities, grooming facilities, dog shows, dog parks, or other situations where contact with multiple dogs is possible.

Bordetella

(aka "kennel cough")

Vaccination is recommended for dogs that frequent "social" settings, such as boarding facilities, dogs parks, groomers, and training classes. Bordetella bronchiseptica causes inflammation of a dog's upper respiratory system leading to coughing and illness.

Both Canine Flu and Bordetella vaccinations require annual boosters.

